



## ONE

### One Resurrection

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

John 20:11-16

So what does a resurrected Jesus mean?

**1** The empty tomb is the only cure for the emptiness that has invaded our hearts.

So how do we find the hope that the certain resurrection of Jesus Christ offers?

**2** Let us go back to where this all began in **Genesis 2:7-8**,

then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

When the first Adam was made from the dust of the earth and walked in the garden, God saw that it was good, but it didn't last for long. Listen to what the Bible says in **Romans 5:12**,

**3** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

**4** Paul goes on in **verse 14**,

Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

What Paul is saying here is that no one sinned the same way Adam sinned, but they all experienced the same consequence. You have I have not sinned by taking from the forbidden tree, but we will all surely experience the same outcome – death itself.

Now Paul has also pointed us towards something better than the doom loop of Adam's and our sin.

**5** Mary was at probably the lowest point in her life in **John 20:11-13**,

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

At this point Mary is experiencing the anguish and pain of loss, separation, decay and death itself. If you’ve ever been to the funeral of someone you love, you have felt that same feeling. It is the vilest thing we ever must walk through in this life.

**6** But everything was about to change. What does the Bible say in **John 20:14-15**,

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

**7** Some of you have heard this message and still you are stuck wondering where is He? **Where is this Jesus? He is stood right here before you.** Stop looking for the Jesus you have imagined all these years, or the emblem of the cross hanging around your neck and turn to the real Jesus.

**8** She was looking for a body. She had heard the angels speak, she had heard from the ‘gardener’ but her eyes were not yet opened. And then Jesus said something that changed everything, in **John 20:16**,

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

He called her name.

He said one word. Some of you have a to do list for God as long as your arm. The things He needs to do to prove Himself. The things He would never have allowed if He truly loved you.

**9** Now there is something we didn’t look at from **Romans 5:14**, he describes Adam,

[...] Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

**10** Paul is letting us know, was in some sense like Jesus – the One to come. He describes it like this in **1 Corinthians 15:45**,

Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

The ‘last Adam’ is Jesus Christ. And He is described as a life-giving spirit. In other words only He can bring life. He said so in **John 10:10**,

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Adam we all became sinners and with that came the destruction of all that is good, and we choose that life every day. Through Jesus we can have life as it was intended. Paul carries on in **1 Corinthians 15:48**,

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As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

Do you see, through Adam all humanity has been flooded by the disease of sin we can not cure. **Through the blood of Christ we can have the cure and have his righteousness, His goodness, His mercy, wash over us like a flood.**

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In **Psalms 103:14** we are reminded,

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For he knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

You can either keep looking into the empty tombs of this life, the friendships, the jobs, the likes the follows, the comforts we crave, OR, you can turn around (the Bible says repent) and be cleansed of your desires that draw you to empty tombs, by the blood of the Lamb who stands behind you today, calling your name.

And if, by His mercy, you are already experiencing life in all its fullness, then take what you have heard today and bring it to the ears of a fallen world. God, with boldness, go with confidence, go, knowing it was for you and for them that He was resurrected.